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Mega Clusters
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken in the year 2014-15 for setting up of mega clusters in Bhagalpur and Banka districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of mega clusters set up in the said districts as on date; and

(c) the amount of funds spent in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (c): As announced in the Budget 2014-15, Bhagalpur taken up as mega handloom cluster, covering Bhagalpur and Banka districts of Bihar. Revised Detailed Project Report(DPR) of the cluster was approved on 10.12.2015 with total cost Rs, 17.15 crore consisting Government of India's share of Rs. 16.22 crore and State/IA/Beneficiaries/ share of Rs. 0.93 crore. The following projects have been sanctioned in the cluster:-
i. 10 Block level cluster projects (7 in Bhagalpur district and 3 in Banka district) sanctioned with total project cost of Rs.9.76 crore, including GoI share of Rs.9.63 crore & beneficiaries share of Rs.0.13 crore and an amount of Rs. 3.36 crore has been released as 1st installment for implementation of various interventions like engaging designers, skill up-gradation, setting up of the Common Facility Centres, product development, purchase of looms/accessories etc.
ii. Design Studio & Product Development Centre at Bhagalpur sanctioned with a total cost of Rs. 89.25 lakh, including GoI share of Rs. 71.40 lakh and Implementing Agency share of Rs. 17.85 lakh and an amount of Rs. 28.56 lakh has been released as 1st installment.
iii. Dye House in Banka district sanctioned with total cost of Rs. 49.95 lakh and an amount of Rs. 24.97 lakh has been released as 1st installment.
An amount of Rs. 2.10 crore has been spent in the cluster till June, 2017.
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